

CLAIMS

We Claim:

- 5 1. A method of providing remote user activity information regarding recently accessed documents of remote users to a local user, comprising:
- obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;
- 10 presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;
- 15 obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said document access activity information includes the identity of at least one document accessed by said remote computer system user;
- 20 detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

presenting, by said awareness client application process, said document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

- 5 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user further comprises a time at which said at least one document was accessed by said remote computer system user.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said document access activity information further
10 comprises a number of keystrokes and mouse clicks used by said remote computer system user to access said at least one document.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein said document access activity information further comprises a name of an application program used by said remote computer system user to
15 access said at least one document.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said document access activity information further comprises actions performed during a document access by the remote user.
- 20 6. The method of claim 3, wherein said presenting said document access activity information comprises presenting said document activity information in at least one pop-up display window.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which document access activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

10. A system of providing remote user activity information regarding recently accessed documents of remote users to a local user, comprising:

means for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process

executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

means for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object
5 includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

means for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with
10 said remote computer system user, document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said document access activity information includes the identity of at least one document accessed by said remote computer system user;

means for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said
15 remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

means for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

20 11. The system of claim 10, wherein said document activity information regarding said remote computer system user further comprises a time at which said at least one document was accessed by said remote computer system user.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein said document activity information further comprises a number of keystrokes and mouse clicks used by said remote computer system user to access said at least one document.

5 13. The system of claim 12, wherein said document activity information further comprises a name of an application program used by said remote computer system user to access said at least one document.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein said document activity information further
10 comprises actions performed during a document access by the remote user.

15. The system of claim 13, wherein said means for presenting said document activity information comprises means for presenting said document activity information in at least one pop-up display window.

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16. The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is
20 to be shared with other users.

17. The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

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18. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

means for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which document access activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

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19. A computer program product, wherein said computer program product includes a computer readable medium, said computer readable medium having a computer program for providing remote user activity information regarding recently accessed documents of remote users to a local user stored thereon, said computer program comprising:

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program code for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

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program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein

said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said document access activity information includes the identity of at least one document accessed by said remote computer system user;

program code for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein said document activity information regarding said remote computer system user further comprises a time at which said at least one document was accessed by said remote computer system user.

21. The computer program product of claim 20, wherein said document activity information further comprises a number of keystrokes and mouse clicks used by said remote computer system user to access said at least one document.

22. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said document activity information further comprises a name of an application program used by said remote computer system user to access said at least one document.

5 23. The computer program product of claim 21, wherein said document activity information further comprises actions performed during a document access by the remote user.

24. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein said program code for
10 presenting said document activity information comprises program code for presenting said document activity information in at least one pop-up display window.

25. The computer program product of claim 19, said computer program further comprising:

15 program code for presenting an interface to user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to indicate whether document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system is to be shared with other users.

20 26. The computer program product of claim 19, said computer program further comprising:

 program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify

document access activity information regarding said user of said local computer system that is to be shared with other users.

27. The computer program product of claim 19, said computer program further
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program code for presenting an interface to said user of said local computer system, wherein said interface enables said user of said local computer system to specify one or more other users with which document access activity information regarding said local user is to be shared.

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28. A system of providing remote user activity information regarding recently accessed documents of remote users to a local user, comprising:

program code, stored in a computer readable memory communicably coupled to at least one processor in a local computer system, operable to obtain, by an awareness
15 client application process executing in said local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory in said local computer system, operable to present, by said awareness client application process, an awareness
20 object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory in said local computer system, operable to obtain, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said document access activity information includes the identity of at least one document accessed by said remote computer system user;

program code, stored in said computer readable memory in said local computer system, operable to detect a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code, stored in said computer readable memory in said local computer system, operable to present, by said awareness client application process, said document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.

29. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, said computer data signal including at least one computer program for providing remote user activity information regarding recently accessed documents of remote users to a local user, said computer program comprising:

program code for obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system, from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes an indication of said online status of said remote
5 computer system user;

program code for obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user, wherein said document access activity information
10 includes the identity of at least one document accessed by said remote computer system user;

program code for detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

program code for presenting, by said awareness client application process, said
15 document access activity information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system.